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For: LASER BEAM MACHINING METHOD, )  
LASER BEAM MACHINING APPARATUS, )  
AND LASER BEAM MACHINING PRODUCT) )  
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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 13, 2006 and the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed November 13, 2006, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: